### **MINUTES**

OF THE

#### SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# Clarke County Baptist Association

## **QUITMAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

OCTOBER 24-25, 1923

#### **OFFICERS**

W. H. FOSTER, Moderator
W. L. ERUNSON, Clerk and Treasurer

Next Meeting to be Held with Union Baptist Church Wednesday and Tursday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1924

Introductory Sermon REV. C. M. MORRIS
Alternate REV. R. S. GAVIN

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#### **PROCEEDINGS**

Quitman, Miss., Oct. 24th, 1923.

The 6th annual session of the Clarke County Baptist Association met at 10 o'clock in the Baptist church and was called to order by W. H. Foster, Moderator.

The devotional service was conducted by J. E. Byrd, Mt. Olive, Miss.

Following were enrolled as messengers:

Buckatuna-W. E. Miller, Mrs. W. E. Miller.

DeSoto-Geo. B. Parker, Mrs. Mabry, J. F. Pippin.

Enterprise—H. C. Dear, Mrs. M. W. Buckley, Mrs. S. H. Andrews.

Harmony-G. H. Scott, Geo. T. Daniel, Ulton Daniel.

Hepzibah-G. C. Stallins, Mrs. Hale.

Knights Valley- None.

Mt. Rose-J. A. Moore, J. D. Martin.

Mt. Zion-C. L. Tims.

Northrup Chapel-E. N. Taylor.

Oak Grove—G. D. Dunlavy, Mrs. B. F. Bonner, Mrs. S. D. Neeley.

Pachuta-Mrs. P. H. Hearn, J. H. Rogers, Mrs. J. H. Rogers,

J. B. Rogers.

Palestine-None.

Phalti-None.

Pleasant Grove. Mrs. Mildred Godwin, Mrs. Ed Rhoden, W. Z. West, Mrs. W. Z. West.

Pine Hill-J. B. Valentine, W. P. Robinson.

Quitman—W. H. Foster, J. R. Brock, C. C. McNeill, J. B. Quinnelly, B. H. Donald, R. S. Gavin, Mrs. R. S. Gavin, Mrs. J. K. Kirkland, Miss Hal Dabbs.

Shubuta—W. H. Patton, W. A. Harwell, Albert Rogers, A. P. Wells, C. M. Morris, Mrs. C. M. Morris.

Stonewall-T. J. Harper, W. Privett.

Union-W. L. Brunson, N. A. Fontain, H. S. Brunson, A. M. McLemore, Mrs. H. S. Brunson, G. H. Meadows.

Moderator appointed H. C. Dear and H. S. Brunson Financial Committee.

W. H. Foster was re-elected Moderator, and W. L. Brunson re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

Visiting brethren were recognized: E. E. Huntsberry, B. S. Vaughan, Pastors in Meridian, L. C. Lightsey, of the State Board,

J. E. Byrd, of the Sunday School department of our State work.

Brethren Huntsberry, Vaughan, and Byrd made interesting talks, the two former with reference to the work of the Lauderdale County Association, and the latter concerning his recent trip through Palestine.

#### Afternoon Session-First Day.

Devotional conducted by Rev. C. M. Morris, Shubuta,

Moderator named following committees:

Digest of Letters-W. H. Patton, Geo. B. Parker.

Order of Business—R. S. Gavin, C. M. Morris, J. B. Valentine. Social Service—W. H. Patton, W. E. Miller, J. D. Martin, Geo. T. Daniel.

Missions—C. M. Morris, G. H. Meadows, Albert Rogers, Mrs. W. Z. West.

Education-Mrs. S. H. Andrews, J. A. Moore, Mrs. Mildred Godwin, J. B. Quinnelly, Mrs. M. W. Buckley.

Nominations-J. H. Rogers, W. A. Tucker, W. S. Harwell, N. A. Fontaine, W. Z. West.

Report on Missions was read by Chairman. Discussed by Chairman, C. M. Morris, and J. E. Byrd. Adopted.

Report on Education was read by Chairman. Discussed by Chairman, Mrs. S. H. Andrews, and W. H. Patton. Adopted.

W. L. Brunson, Treasurer, made report. Adopted,

#### Evening Session-First Day.

Song Service and Prayer.

Associational Sermon preached by R. S. Gavin.

W. H. Patton read report on Social Service. Discussion deferred until Thursday morning.

#### Morning Session-Second Day.

Devotional by R. S. Gavin.

Social Service discussed by W. H. Patton. Report then Adopted.

Report on Woman's Work read by Mrs. J. K. Kirkland. Discussed by C. M. Morris. Adopted.

Report on Nominations read by W. Z. West. Adopted.

At the session of the Association a year ago, W. H. Patton gave notice that at this session he would introduce a motion to amend the Constitution with reference to Article II. On motion this matter was deferred for another year.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Association request the Clerk to have printed and distributed the usual allotment of 400 Minutes, and that he be allowed \$25.00 for his services.

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(4) thorough year. "That the thanks and appreciation of the body be hereby extended to the citizens and community of Quitman for the bountiful and hearty manner in which they have entertained the Messengers and visitors."

The following resolution was unamiously adopted: RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the wisdom of a united effort on the part of the Southern Baptists has been so clearly demonstrated during the past four years, as evidenced by the unprecedented progress which has been made in Kingdom work, and

Whereas, our people have seen the wisdom of budgeting the work of the denomination so as to provide regularly and adequate-

ly for all worthy causes, and

Whereas, we have seen the value of a worthy financial objective or goal in our plan to raise 75 Million Dollars in five years, and

Whereas, we have seen the need of for canvassing the churches annually in order to enlist the new converts who are coming in every year and of re-enlisting those who move during the year,

Whereas, we have been more thoroughly impressed with the need of regular and systematic giving all through the year, and

Whereas, we, as a denomination, must continue to go forward; and to go forward we must look ahead and plan ahead.

Be it, therefore, resolved that we the Clarke County Baptist Association in annual convention assembled, signify our approval of—

- (1) A united south-wide movement following the close of 75 Million Campaign to raise funds with which to carry on our mission, social service, and educational work.
- (2) A budget fo rall mission, social service, and education work; same to be divided and distributed on a percentage basis in proportion to the relative needs and merits of the various causes fostered by the denomination.
- (3) A five year financial objective, same to be not less than \$75,000,000.00 for the five years—the amount to be determined by the sum total of the conservative claims of the various causes, after each shall have made a careful survey of its needs and future plans.
- (4) An annual appeal for pledges which will insure a thorough canvass of all the members of all the churches once a year.

- (5) A united effort for teaching Stewardship and Budget Plan for denominational and local work of the Baptist Churches of our State.
- (6) An ample period of time to insure thorough preparation for the program which shall follow the 75 Million Campaign.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Report On Missions

The new plan of associational organization providing for an Executive Board composed of one member from each church has resulted in more efficient service in many associations. The plan further provides for regular quarterly meetings with well prepared comprehensive programs showing the progress of the work in all the churches.

Monthly pastor's conferences are proving to be very helpful in some associations, the pastors from the churches comprising an association gathering once a month for Bible study and for the study of plans and programs for the Kingdom work. It would prove to be very benificial to the local church work as well as to the denominational work if the pastors would organize in every association in the State for study and for concentration in the Kingdom program.

Another thing that should be observed by the Executive Committee of the association is the applications which are made annually by the various churches needing help. The Executive Committee, if possible, should visit in person, or have others visit, these churches and assist in putting on an every-member canvass among the membership and if possible to raise sufficient funds to enable the work to be carried out without the assistance of the Doard. This is needed to enable the Board to help places which are unable to help themselves and also for the purpose of developing the local membership of the church. The Executive Board should not approve an application for help unless the church asking for help pledges itself to raise some definite amount to support the various causes of the denomination.

#### MISSIONS WITHIN THE STATE.

#### 1-Church building and church extension support.

The amount appropriated for church building purposes for this year is \$27,000. The number of churches being assisted from this fund is 49. Of this number 21 are town churches and 28 are country churches. This is by far the largest appropriation that has ever been made for church extension work by our State Board.

2-Missionary Pastoral Support.

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The Board is assisting in paying the salaries of 100 pastors. The number of churches represented is 153. Of this number 68 are in town and 85 in the country. The appropriation to this work surpassed any previous appropriation.

Brother Sweany makes the following recommendations:

1() That a special effort be made to organize (where there is not one already) an Associational Sunday School Convention to meet annually and give our time to this, our own work, and not take the time of our people in the Interdenominational meetings for which there is no place now.

(2) That as far as possible the Association fix time and place for the Summer Training School and elect some man as Publicity Director who will be responsible for enlisting some

from every church to attend this school.

(3) That the Association appoint someone who will lead in the extension work through the Organized Class effort in strengthening the Sunday Schools that go into winter quarters and also organizing schools in churches that now have none.

(4) That we urge all of our Sunday Schools to make much of the special programs the last Sundays in March, June and September. These programs are not only educational, but give our people an opportunity to have a part in the denominational work.

The Paptist Book Store.

The Baptist Book Store, which belongs to the State Convention Board has sold more books this year than ever. The operating expenses has been cut some, but the paying of taxes has interfered with the profits, We hope, however, that with the increased sales to come out in the clear with sufficient profit to justify the maintenance of this phase of the work. It has made a small profit for the past two years. We would urge our people to buy from their own store, even though they may at times have to pay a little more for a book than they would have to pay to a recond hand store or to a cut price concern, simply for the reason that if our store makes any profit, the profit goes into the State Mission treasury.

#### B. Y. P. U. Work.

The Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. Department, Mr. Auber J. Wurds, makes the following report: We have come into a new era in B.Y. P. U. work. The B. Y. P. U. is thought of now only as a very vital part of our church life and the church without a B.Y. P. U. is as much out of lire in Kingdom building as is a church without a Sunday School. We have come to realize—none too soon—that it is just as important to teach "How" to do as it is to teach "What" to do.

The Paster the Chief Officer.

The acceptance of the B. Y. P. U. as a part of the church means that the pastor finds himself the chief officer, pastor of the B. Y. P. U. No department of the church will go beyond the leadership of the pastor. The responsibility then is upon the pastor to assume the obligation. The true pastor recognizes in this department of work his chief ally. The B. Y. P. U., if properly pastored, will back the pastor in all his work.

Advanced in the Country.

There has been a marked increased interest shown by the country churches during the past year and many of these churches have organized B. Y. P. U's. They are feeling the need of leaders and are welcoming the organization that promises them this help. Since the large majority of churches in Mississippi are country churches, we are looking to them to promote the B. Y. P. U. increst. Any church, regardless as to location, can have a B. Y. 1'. U. if there is just one person in the church absolutely consectated to the work and certainly there is not a church but has this one person.

W. M. U. Work,

The W. M. U. Department through its State Secretary, Miss M. M. Lackey, makes the following report of their stewardship for the Associational year closing with August 1, 1923:

The Woman's Missionary Union has five definite aims which they purpose to carry out in the accomplishment of their work namely: Supplication, Stewardship, Study, Service and Soul-Winning. A Standard of Excellence containing ten points is placed before each local society to help the same fulfill these definite aims.

The growth of the work in Mississippi has made it necessary to enlarge the official family. Besides the President, Young People's Leader and Corresponding Secretary, there are now six Vice-Presidents, one over each of the six Districts, also a Young People's Connselor in each District. A State personal Service Leader, a Stewardship Chairman and a Mission Study Chairman. The ideal being these same officers in each local society, each Association, and each District. Other officers required for looking after special phases are a Margaret Fund Chairman, a Training School Chairman, Recording Secretary and College Correspondent.

The number of local organizations are now 1,404 of which 771 are Woman's Missionary Societies and the other Young People's Of this number of W. M. S. 88 are new organizations; and of the

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This growth is not abnormal; indeed not just what it should be but it has given us healthy organizations. And we attribute this in large measure to mission study. Our women and our young people are devoting more time and attention to the study of missions than ever before. This past year Mississippi reported 35% of all the classes doing mission work within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The heart of the Mississippi W .M. U. is deeply interested in the 75 Million Campaign, hence the Union is going forward this

year under the slogan.

"A Dollar each quarter; From each Mother and Daughter." This over and above Campaign pledges. In order to succeed in carrying out this slogan the women are appealing to the breathren in every association to lend their help in this matter.

With a firm conviction that the work of Christian Womanhood may best be accomplished through organization the W. M. U. is going forth bearing upon their banner this watchword:

"He that wrought us for this very thing is God" II Cor. 5:5.

The Laymen's Work.

The Laymen have no distinctive organization in Mississippi, except an Executive Committee of six leading laymen who are appointed each year by the State Convention. This commmttee advises with the other leaders of our denominational work in planning and executing the various programs for the advancement of the Kingdom.

More and more the laymen of our State are lining up in the regular denominational program and making themselves useful in carrying out the plans of the churches, the associations and the denomination at large. More laymen were used in putting over our spring cash roundup than have ever taken part in a similar movement before. Still larger use will be made of our consecrated laymen in the plans now being projected for the fall.

The Budget-Stewardship Campaign that is now being launched throughout the South is largely an outgrowth of the aggitation and interest of the laymen during recent years. Their influence and active assistance are now arged in the teaching of Stewardship and in putting into operation in the churches the Unified Budget Plan for gathering and distributing funds for the Lord's work.

Pudget-Stewardship Campaign.

The Southern Baptist Convention in its May session, Kansas City, recommended a Budget and Stewardship Campaign for the

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whole South. The Conservation Commission, approved by the Southern Baptist Convention, following the recommendation for Stewardship and Pudget Campaign, elected Dr. O. E. Bryan, at that time the head of the department of Enlistment and Evangelism of the Home Board, as Director of this movement. Dr. Bryan is a very practical man with considerable common sense and plenty of religion. If the churches give themselves to this new work as they should, the next ten years for Southern Baptists will mark greater progress than for any thirty years in the past. Literature will be furnished to the churches, a book on Stewardship and one on The Budget Plan will be recommended for study. We are coming nearer all the time to the Bible plan of financing the Kingdom. We shall see our churches grow in the doctrine of Stewardship and in regular and systematic giving to all the causes.

#### MISSIONS EEYOND THE STATE

1-Home Missions.

The Home Mission Board made a great report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City last May. When the Convention met in that city eighteen years ago, the board's receipts for the year were \$169,988.92. This year they were \$1,002,193.07.

Then the Board reported 10,551 baptisms, this year 38 770 In 1905 the Board had no special department for Evangelism Shortly a ter that the department was organized and through it there have been 152,846 converts baptized, 208,643 additions to the churches and 23,260 volunteers for the ministry or definite mission work.

Surely we have reason for abundant thanksgiving to God for His marvelous avor upon the work of our Home Mission Board.

It is our one great Southwide Missionary agency and has been the greatest single factor in helping to make the South a mighty Eaptist empire.

While Southern Baptists have made mighty progress, there are greater needs and vaster opportunities at present than ever before in our history.

There are millions of lost souls whom we must reach and our people must be enlisted in all our denominational life and activities.

Our Home Mission Board is heavily in debt on account of the greater enlargement of our work and the falling off in receipts due largely to the deflation in prices in general.

The last report of the Board states, that if we raise \$75,000,000 by the close of the seventy-Five Million Campaign and the

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Home Board receives its due proportion, the Board's debt can be paid and the Board's work increased fifty per cent over its present operations.

Let us come to the help of this great work and all our other

interests as well.

2-Foreign Missions.

Our Foreign Mission work grows. We have now 891 churches in sixteen foreign lands; 211 or practically one-fourth of these churches are self-supporting; 442 or one half have their own louses of worship.

In addition to the churches there are 2,896 out-stations which give us a total of practically 4,000 stations where the Word of God is preached regularly. Last year was the crowning year in baptisms, 12,611 were baptized, which is 4,720 more than reported the year be ore. We have 103,328 members. These gave \$4.23 per capita last year. We have 796 schools which were attended last year by 32,789 scholars. This is about equal to the number of students in our Baptist Schools in Southland.

There were 1,447 Sunday Schools, which had an enrollment

of 67,407.

We have now 501 foreign missionaries and 2,820 native missionaries. This is almost twice as many foreign missionaries and almost four times as many native missionaries as we had in 1919 at the beginning of the 75. Million Campaign.

The Poard reported a debt of \$403,000 at the last Southern Baptist Convention. There has been no disposition to criticise the Poard because verybody has realized that the Board has been very conservative in making appropriations. It has appropriated only a little above one-half of the amount that was proposed for it in the 75 Million Campaign.

The Board at its June meeting appointed forty-eight new missionaries who in the early fall of this year will go to their fields.

The practical suggestion for everybody to take to heart at this critical time when the Board is burdened with debt, overwhelmed by the growth of the work, and appalled by vast unmet needs, is that every one should do his utmost to pay his 75 Million Campaign pledge in full this year. If these pledges are paid fully, the Board can pay its debts, support the missionaries and provide for many, many more distressing needs. The simple solution is the payment of our 75 Million Campaign bledges. This is the biggest need for Foreign Missions this year. Now is the time to go forward.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION

Our Baptist Schools.

1-Clarke College, H. T. McLaurin, President.

Clarke College is a co-educational, Junior College. It is ideally and strategically located, being at Newton, Newton County, Mississippi. It is, therefore, in the heart of Mississippi, one of the most thickly populated sections in the state, and in this territory Baptists are numbered by the thousands.

The past of this institution has been far from spectacular. Rather it has been one of unhearlded sacrifices. Mistakes in management there have been, but there can be no doubting the sacrificial liberality of many if its trustees and faculty members. A new day, however, has dawned for Clarke College. The people of Newton, the trustees, the Education Commission, the people of East-central Mississippi, in fact the entire Baptist denomination of the state are square behind Clarke College.

During the summer \$10,000 have been used in renovating the tuildings and providing new equipment. Every room in the dormitories, as well as the class rooms, has been made over. They are good as new. A new plumbing outfit has been substituted for the old ones, and a new heating plant installed.

H. T. McLaurin, for the many years enlistment man for that section, a man of ability, enthusiasm, personality, tact and consecration is the new president of the college. He has gathered around him the strongest faculty in its history. Things have already begun to move. The enrollment this session bids fair to reach the 200 mark. Clarke College is destined to become one of the strongest Junior Colleges in the South. Brethren, with your prayers and support help us make it so.

?-Blue Mountain College W. T. Lowrey, President.

Blue Mountain College is now the only Baptist School in Mississinpi which maintains a full four year high school course and a full four year college course. In order to standardize a college must either do away with its preparatory department or make it separate from the college department in faculty, students, discipline and buildings. Blue Mountain College chose the latter because of the fact that there are many girls in Mississippi and surrounding states who need a Christian boarding school for their high school course.

In accordance with the action of the Baptist Convention at Grenada in November 1922, Blue Mountain College has prepared to meet the conditions for being placed on the recommended list of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The Chistory. I ands of w states. In finding for stand for and of Ch

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The College has just completed the first half century of its history. During those fifty years she has educated many thous ands of women who are now scattered over many nations and states. In Mississippi, you can hardly visit a community without finding former Blue Mountain students. Almost invariably they stand for righteousness and for the best interests of mankind and of Christ's Kingdom.

President W. T. Lowrey will be glad to send a copy of the Semi-Centennial catalog which will give you a fair knowledge of the past history and present condition of this great Baptist School. It was founded by General M. P. Lowrey, owned for forty-seven years by the Lowrey and Berry families and has now appily passed under the ownership and management of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

#### 3-Woman's College, J. L. Johnson, President.

The Mississippi Woman's College closed last May the eleventh year of the institution. The attendance was good as it could be because our dormitories were filled the entire year. The enrollment counting some local pupils whose names we did not put in the catalogue was a little over 500. Our Bible and Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work was fine as we have ever done. From the number of diplomas and seals given in the Bible and Sunday School work it is probable that we will be among the first three of the Southern Baptist Convention Schools in number. The Woman's College captured the banner at the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. State Convention at Columbus this year for the best college B. Y. P. U. Practically every girl in school belongs to the Y. W. A., and we had the largest number of Mission Study Classes conducted by students that we have ever had.

The health of our students body could not have been better as we have not had a single case of serious illness during the session.

We have just completed the beautiful Mary Ross Hospital which has been built as a memorial to Mrs. Mary Ross, the mother of Mrs. Herren of Laurel. Mrs. Herren was a member of the Episcopal church and le't money to be used in memory of her own mother. With its equipment, it cost about \$28,000 and gives us every facility for taking care of the health of our students. We are building also a science hall which we hope will be ready by the time the session begins.

The greatest forward movement taken by the Woman's College the present session lies in the fact that we are complying with the requirements of the State Department of Education to

be placed upon the recommended list of colleges. hat a graduate rom this school will be eligible to teach in any of the public schools of Mississippi.

We are adding over 3,000 books to our library, giving us the required number of 5,000. A great many of these books save been donated by friends of the college and quite a number ave been purchased.

The Woman's College is doing its best to meet the intellectual standards of the time and above everything else to give to our girls a Christian training in a Christian atmosphere. a Baptist school supported by Baptists, the Woman's College is triving to give to its students a full knowledge of the principles for which Paptists stand and a close acquaintanceship with the denominational work of our state and country.

4-Mississippi College, J. W. Provine. President,

The session o' 1922-23 of Mississippi College stands out as ne of the most eventful in her history.

(1) The enrollment of 410 college students is the largest we ever had -48 in advance of the sesison before.

(2) Through the generous and patriotic attitude of the Convention and the untiring efforts of the Secretary of the Commission the endowment of the college was increased to \$649,000.00.

(3) On acount of the increase of the endowment the college was admitted to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schoools, thus giving us the standing so much desired among the colleges and Universities of the Country.

(4) The Faculty of 1923-24 is the most outstanding in our long history. There are six who hold the Ph. D. degree, one the Th. D. Ten members of the faculty were in various Universities special work this summer. Four members are pushing their work for the completion of the requirements for the Ph. D. These men will bring to their classes the best in scholarship. Every man will be active in Christian work.

(5) The spirit of faculty and student body was never 'iner. They are loval and have a high degree of zeal for every arm of the college work.

#### SOUTH-WIDE INSTITUTIONS.

Mississippi Baptists help to support and maintain three southwide institutions of learning. They are the Baptist Bible Institute, located at New Orleans, La, The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Fort Worth, Texas; and the Southern Taptist Seminary, at Louisville, Ky. Over one thousand of our choicest young men and young women were in these institutions last session preparing for definite Christian service at home and

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REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICE

Social Service In General.

Social Service is applied Christianity. It is following the example of our Savior "who went about doing good." It is exemplifying that pure and underfiled religion which visits the fatherless and widows in their affliction. It is meeting the challenge of love as given in I Jchn 3:17; But whose hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

Social Service is putting the Leaven of the Gospel into the whole social lump until society is purified therewith. It is the process of weaving into our social fabric the warp and woof of Christianity.

Social Service is that part of our Baptist program which seeks to deal with crime, immorality, poverty, disease and everything that concerns society as a whole. It looks beyond the case of individual need to the cause of that need and its effect upon society.

Social problems must be met and mastered not only by the churches as such, but by the Christian Citizenship which gathers into and grows out o fthe churches of Jesus Christ.

Christian citizens deal with these problems: (1) through preventive measures, sanitation, hygiene, law enforcement; (2) through corrective measurers, prisons, asylums, reformatories, and (3) through relief measures, hospitals, orphanages, Good Will Centers, care of old preachers, etc.

Every agency that seeks to deal with these problems along lines consistent with Baptist principles should have the heartiest co-operation of our churches.

Some such agencies, not under Baptist direction, are as follows:

1-Law Enforcement.

Aside from the local machinery for law enforcement in every community, the agencies and have the fullest sympathy and aid from every loyal Baptist in the prosecution of their work are the Anti-Saloon League, headed by Dr. T. J. Bailey, Supt., Jackson, and the Federal Prohibition enforcement officers, headed by Mr. M. H. Daily, Prohibition Director, Jackson. The work of these departments cannot be made effective except through the active co-operation of the churches. The moral standing of any community depends upon the standards fixed by the churches. No community will have more moonshining and bootlegging than is countenanced by the churches, and citizens of the community.

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The Federal Prohibition director makes the following statement in reference to the co-operation received by the department applies of Mississippi:

"Quite a large percentage of the cases made by this office have been the direct result of the helpful influence and suggestion coming from the great Baptist denomination. Its ministers, layand nominals missionary societis have been alert to report all in ractions of the law coming under their observation. We note the companies of the law and erden and especially thank the ladies of their untiring efforts, to promote the work chargeable to this office.

"We earnestly solict you influence in having Congress make adequate appropriation for our work and your continued co-operation in helping to reduce the cost of bringing offenders to justice by giving in ormation so definite and reliable that violations may be determined and arrest made with the least possible expense."

#### 2-Public Health.

The work of the State Board of Health, under direction of Dr. W. S. Leathers, Jackson, is an agency whose splendid work should have the intelligent cooperation of our people. Your committee would urge the pastors and churches to study the great work of this department and give to it every assistance possible.

We quote in part from a statement made by Dr. Leathers for use in this report:

'The State Found of Health is desirous of promoting the health work of the state in a sane and intelligent way. can be done best through the intelligent interest of large influentil groups of people such as those who constitute the membership of the Baptist denomination. Those of us who are part'cularly interested in the health of Mississippi and who are endeavoring to lead the people in forming right habits of living be-Heve and know that one of the largest influences that could be exerted for attaining the results desired is through the cooperation o' the Christian people of Mississippi. When properly analyzed, health essentially means Christian living. The principles underlying health work are those principles which are advocated in the teachings of Christ, and there can be no question about the fact that Christian people should lend their hearty support to the prevention of sickness and the control and ultimate suppression of preventable diseases."

#### 3-Child Welfare.

The Mississippi Children's Home Society located at Jackson,

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of which Rev. John L. Sutton is Superintendent, is the greatest single agency in the state for the care of dependent children.

It is estimated that there are about 12,000 neglected and de. pendent children in the State of Mississippi. About 5,200 of this number would be classed as cripples, sub-normal and feeble-minded, 6,800 of this number are prospectively normal provided they are transplanted and engrafted into the proper homes where they would get the love and attention that is necessary for them 50% of this number are to develop into good men and women. negro children, leving about 3,500 white children who are prospectively normal. The Institutional plan is caring for about 800 of this number, leaving about 2,600 white children who are pros. pectively normal but neglected and dependent. We estimate that there are between 91,000 and 100,000 good homes in the State that could adopt and raise a child as it should be raised. This is the work that this society hopes to bring to pass. Every childless home should be open to receive and care for one of these little ones.

Your committee would recommend that our pastors and churches give the most sympathetic cooperation to the work of this society. Invite its superintendent to visit your church and explain his work. He is a splendid Christian man who is giving his life to the welfare of dependent children.

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#### STATE SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

-Mississippi Baptist Orphanage. J. R. Carter, Superintendent.

The efforts put forth by Christian people in saving and training children are the most effective efforts for citizenship and for Kingdom building. We should give more adequate support both financial and moral to all the child welfare agencies that are working for the betterment of neglected children.

We feel that much has been done through the efforts of our Paptist Orphanage, and commend it and its work to the prayerful consideration and support of our churches and Sunday Schools. We would urge that through the remainder of our present program (the 75 Million Campaign) our people seek to redeem their pledges and thus take care of the Orphanage, and all other objects fostered by our denomination.

More than a thousand children have been cared for and trained by our Baptist Orphanage and have gone out to take their places in society, and in our Kingdom work. Less than one percent of this number has become a menance to society, or made shipwreck of life.

We have had an average in our Orphanage during the year of 170 children. We learn from our management that the health of the children has been good, and that their efforts have been attended with a good degree of prosperity, and success. We would urge the loyal hearty cooperation of all of our people that all the needs of the institution may be provided for.

2—Mississippi Baptist Hospital, R. S. Curry, Superintendent.

The past year has been perhaps the most important year in the growth and development of the Baptist Hospital in its whole history.

We have now a splendidly working staff of Physicians, Surreons and Specialists. We have a first class chemical laboratory; a splendid X-Ray machine used for diagnostic work, with Dr. W. F. Henderson, who is one of the best radiologists in the state, in charge. We will, within the next sixty days, install a new up-todate X-Ray machine to be used wholly for treatment of incurable cases especially cancer cases.

We have treated, since our last report, 1,671 patients, 210 of whom were treated free. The Hospital has no funds with which to care for charity patients except the profit made upon pay patients which fact prevents us from taking many who apply for free hospital care.

We have now 25 nurses—splendid young women who are preparing themselves for the high calling of nursing the sick.

We are profoundly grateful to all our friends who have given us assistance, especially the different church, Sunday School and missionary organizatons.

The good women, last fall, organized the Hospital Auxiliary which has done and is defing splendid work for the Hospital. We be nearly cooperation of all friends of the Hospital.

3—Paptist Memorial Hospital Joseph Purvis, Superintendent. The work of the hospital moved forward steadily during the first six months of 1923. The aim has been to keep the work up to the standard and make improvements in organization and operation. The second wing was put into use for patients during this period.

Patronage continues to inreease, as shown by the following figures: Patients admitted 5.399 (as against 4.168 for same period last year), of these 602 came from Arkansas, 3,745 from Tennesee, 909 from Mississippi and 143 from other States. 468 of these were cared for in the charity department.

In the laboratories 7,615 examinations and tests were made; the X-Ray Department did 1,506 treatments and pictures; the new department of Physio-Therapy administered 1,276 treatments.

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The expenditures in operating the hospital for the six months were \$265,641.31; of this amount \$47,485.86 was expended for charity. Double all these figures and a year's work will be seen. Only the year's work will probably be more than double, since the work grows in volume from year to year.

The bonded indebtedness, on account of building, is \$240,000.00. The payment of pledges, made in the 75 Million Campaign in Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Memphis and vicinity, are depended on to liquidate this indebtedness.

The religious life of the institution, among patients and nurses, moves on as heretofore. A Volunteer Band has recently been organized in the Training School, through the influence of the Inter Board Commission in Student activities. The Woman's Auxiliary of the hospital keeps up its active and useful service, both in and out of the hospital. They deserve the cooperation of the Baptist women in the three states.

#### 4-Good Will Center.

Mississippi has but one Good Will Center. This is located It is directly under the managein the mill district of Meridian. ment of Miss Millie Mae McLellan, a graduate of the Louisville Miss McLellan lives in the Good Will Center Training School. Together they look after Home where she has one assistant. thi shome, where they do their own housekeeping, where they have a day nursery for children whose mothers work out, and where the various clubs of the Good Will Center hold their meet-The building is not large but the hall for public meetings Miss McLellan works out from is commodious and attractive. this Center in all portions of the city. She does this by personal visits and by the use of the telephone; which, by the way is one of the most useful implements in this part of the city for it is so place that it may be used night and day; and there is scarcely a night that hurry calls are not made over it for either physician or hospital.

This report could be made largely statistical; for the number of visits made in the interest of God's work, the number of little children cared for, the amount of necessary clothing given out, the number of pupils taught in night schools, the number of boys and girls reached by the various clubs and the number of disheartened women who are sent away with words of cheer—all these, i' enumerated, would run up into the thousands.

Our Good Will Center is doing God's service. Let us in every way in our power encourage the work.

# SOUTHWIDE SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS 1—Relief and Annuity Board, Wm. Lunsford, Cor. Sec'y.

In May 1920 the total asset of the Relief and Annuity Board amounted to \$162,123.10. In May 1923d the total had reached \$1,490.193.59.

From the best estimate that we can get, Southern Baptists, in all the states put together, paid to their old preachers in the three years preceding the 75 Million Campaign, in round numbers, \$116,000.00. In the past three years, since the beginning of the Campaign we have increased the yearly allowance paid to our beneficiaries over the estimated three years immediately preceding the Campaign, \$184,173.31, an average of more than \$61,000.00 per year. While this increase is gratifying, we are by no means doing what we should do.

The immediate and imperative need of the Relief and Annuity Board, at this time, is a fixed income of \$100,000.00 per year, on the relie' side of the work alone, in addition to what the Board is now receiving and will continue to receive from the states. This will take an interest bearing fund, for relief alone, of at least one and a half million dollars, of which we now have about five hundred thousand, including endowment and reserve.

The Foard has now a beneficiary list of between eight and nine hundred. Others are being added from month to month The number of beneficiaries from Mississippi is now forty, 24 men and 16 widows. These are receiving an average of \$10.00 per month. While we have made great strides since the organization of the new Board, in giving aid and comfort to the disabled and retired ministers, we are not beginning to do what we should do.

Our aim is to persuade our people to make it clear to the minis er that after he has given himself whole-heartedly to the work, and spent himself freely, in his ministry, that if he should fall in his work, or die in it, or grow old in it, the denomination will not permit his family to suffer nor him to suffer in his declining years. We want to make our young preachers feel that the denomination has thus spoken to them, and that they can accept its word at par. To do this will put new life in our preachers, greatly increase their efficiency, and the denomination would be

Your committee would urge the people everywhere to pay their pledges to the Campaign so that the aid now being given to

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#### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

There are nine active W. M. Societies in the association, all subscribing to the Literature required and nearly all observing the Seasons of Prayer.

In nearly all Societies Mission study classes have been organized showing that we realize the need of information on the subject.

Two Societies have been organized this association year. One at Barnett, and one at Pleasant Grove. Palestine which was organized last year, has been suspended on account of the burning of their church building.

We try to reach every woman in the association through our W. M. U. work. And while we have fallen far short of our aim, still we feel that many women have been blessed through this work.

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#### Respectfully Submitted. -MRS. J. K. KIRKLAND, Supt. REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend the following:

- 1-That the next meeting be held with the Union Church, Wednesday and Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1924.
- 2-That Rev. C. M. Morris be appointed to preach the Associational sermon with Rev. R. S. Gavin as alternate.
- 3-That W. H. Patton be elected as our messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.
- 4-That R. S. Gavin be retained as our member of the State
- 5-That the following be elected as our Executive Committee. W. H. Foster, Chairman; W. L. Brunson, W. Z. West, C. H. Acklin, C. M. Morris.
- 6-That the following be elected as our officials in connection

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with the work of our women:	
Mrs. J. K. Kirkland, Superintendent.	
Mrs. B. F. Hand, Secretary.	
Mrs. S. H. Andrews, Young Peoples' Leader.	
Mrs. C. M. Morris, Stewardship Leader.	
Mrs. Jno. S. Dabbs, Mission Study Leader.	
Mrs. Harmon Kamper, Personal Service Lead	lon
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W. L. BRUNSON, Treasurer.



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Knights Valley	No Report	
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Mt. Zion	No Report	1
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Oak Grove	J. O. Crosby, Shubuta	D. A. Lane, Shubuta
Pachuta	J. H. Rogers, Pachuta	Miss Myrtle Smiht, Pacl
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Pleasant Grove	W. Z. West, Vossburg	Mrs. W. Z. West, Vossbur
Pine Hill	Perry Robinson, Enterprise	Gertie Valentine, Enterp
Quitman	S. B. Kirkland, Quitman	S. T. Green, Quitman
Shubuta	E. L. Martin, Shubuta,	O. J. Welss, Shubuta
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7. Clark	DeSoto Enterprise Quitman, R, 3 Quitman Shubuta Stonewall Pachuta Enterprise R, 2 Quitman R, 1	57.50 66.00 15.50 151.77 307.02 24.85 84.00 61.00 17.50 203.44 366.95 70.60 170.00 231.20 122.45 108.00 106.44 5.90 56.65 22.26 77.37 5.00 201.30 40.00 1004.17 1312.63 255.90 Reported by J.	14.70   9.10   1.00	23.00 186.50 659.24 700.31 228.44 132.55 1 112.13 283.80
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